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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of :
Makoto SASAKI et al. : Attn: BOX PCT
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METHOD FOR PRODUCING CYCLIC :
POLYETHER COMPOUNDS :
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents,
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In the interest of compact prosecution and to reduce PTO filing fees, please amend the present application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 3-5 as follows:

3. (Amended) The method for producing cyclic polyether compounds of claim 1, wherein the alkylborane is obtained by the hydroboration of exo-olefin with 9-BBN.

4. (Amended) The method for producing cyclic polyether compounds of claim 1, wherein the basic aqueous solution is an aqueous solution of NaHCO_3 .

5. (Amended) The method for producing cyclic polyether compounds of claim 1, wherein 1 to 2 equivalents of cyclic ketene acetal phosphate are added to 1 equivalent of alkylborane.